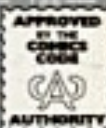


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CHAPTER ONE

THE-VESSEL-APPEARS-
TO-BE-EMPTY.-THE-
HEDGEHOG-AND-THE-
OTHER-LIFE-FORMS-
HAVE-FLED.

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WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- THIS PLACE IS OVERRUN BY THOSE "SUPER SHADOW-BOTS!" LOOKS LIKE RETURNING TO MOBOTROPOLIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.

THE ENTIRE CITY HAS BEEN DESERTED BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY CAUGHT EVERYONE-- COULD THEY, NICOLE?

Negative, PRINCESS SALLY--it is more than likely that the POPULACE relocated to KNOTHOLE VILLAGE for their own safety.

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE?!

ARE THEY UTTERLY DERANGED? THERE'S NO SAFETY THERE! ROBOTNIK IS SURE TO HAVE A FILE THAT DIRECTLY PIN-POINTS ITS LOCATION!

JUST A SEC, SNIVELY! DIDN'T RO"BU"NIK BITE THE BIG ONE WHEN HIS SATELLITE WENT KABLOOEY?*

"BITE THE BIG ONE?" IF YOU BELIEVE HE'S SHUFFLED OFF THIS MOBIAN COIL, SONIC, THINK AGAIN! REMEMBER, HE'S ROBOTICIZED...

...AND NO DOUBT DOWNLOADED HIS MEMORY INTO AN ARTIFICIAL BODY BY NOW!

*Last Issue--JFG

THEN IT'S UP TO US TO PREVENT HIM FROM ACCESSING THAT FILE!



YOU AREN'T
AFRAID OF
THOSE
SHADOW-BOTS?!

WHO KNOWS
WHAT THEY'LL DO?
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE A
FULL-FLEDGED
TRAITOR NOW
AND--

SHHH!
THEY'LL
HEAR YOU!

LIKE, BIG FAT DEAL--
THIS IS ONE HEDGEHOG WHO
KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE A
FEW GREASY 'BOTS!

STICK WITH
US IF YOU WANNA
MAKE IT OUTTA
HERE!


JUST SO YOU'RE
AWARE--SONIC NEVER
ACCEPTS "NO" FOR AN
ANSWER. HE'S REALLY
STUBBORN THAT
WAY...

...SO I'D
SUGGEST WE GET
STARTED.

WHILE YOU TWO
MAKE A BREAK-IN, I'LL
CREATE A DIVERSION
THAT'S SURE TO BE
SHAKIN'!

WHUT ABOUT ME,
TAILS, AND ANTOINE,
SUGAH-HOG?

YOU THREE
TAKE MY FOLKS
BACK...



"...TO
KNOTHOLE!"


--VILLAGE
IS TOTALLY
PACKED--

-- JUST
AREN'T ENOUGH
HOMES--

--YOUR
HOOF IS ON
MY TAIL--


--PLAIN
OL' TUCKERED
OUT--

--WHAT
ARE WE
GOING TO
DO?



WAIT! HE'S
ARRIVED!

IS IT
REALLY
HIM?



OF
COURSE IT'S
HIM-- MAKE
WAY FOR...

"...KING
MAXIMILLIAN
ACORN!"

MY LOYAL SUBJECTS... I'M AWARE
THAT THERE AREN'T NEARLY ENOUGH
SUITABLE LODGINGS TO ACCOMMODATE
EVERYONE BUT THE ONES WE
HAVE...

...MUST, FIRST AND FOREMOST,
BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF
NEED.

PREFERENCE SHOULD BE
GIVEN TO THE VERY OLD... THE
VERY YOUNG... AND THE VERY
ILL.

I'M AFRAID HARD
TIMES ARE AHEAD OF
US ALL AND I EXTEND
MY SYMPATHY TO YOU
IN THE WAKE OF TODAY'S
TRAGEDY.

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN
UNFORTUNATELY CAUGHT
US ALL BY SURPRISE...
MOST OF THE POPULACE
SAFELY ESCAPED HERE
TO SANCTUARY...

...BUT A
HANDFUL
WERE NOT
SO
LUCKY.

*Last ish-- JFG

HE DEFINITELY
MEANS SALLY, SONIC
AND THE OTHERS. HOW
DOES HE MAINTAIN HIS
REGAL BEARING
DESPITE EVERYTHING
THAT'S OCCURRED,
NATE?

YOUR FATHER
HAS DEALT WITH
MUCH DURING
HIS YEARS AS
MONARCH, PRINCE
ELIAS, HE IS QUITE
CAPABLE...

...BUT IT STILL
DOESN'T EXCUSE MY
OWN ACTIONS. IT WAS
I WHO MISTAKENLY
SENT SONIC AND THE
OTHERS INTO ROBOTNIK'S
CLUTCHES!

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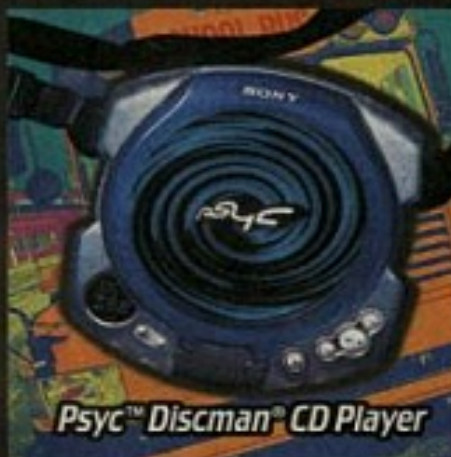
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CHAPTER
TWO

YOW, SAL--
THERE'S A WHOLE
BUNCH O' SHADOW-
BOTS IN FRONT OF
THE ENTRANCE TO
ROBOTNIK'S
HQ!

I SEE THEM,
SONIC--AND THEY'RE
TAKING PRISONERS!
WE'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING!



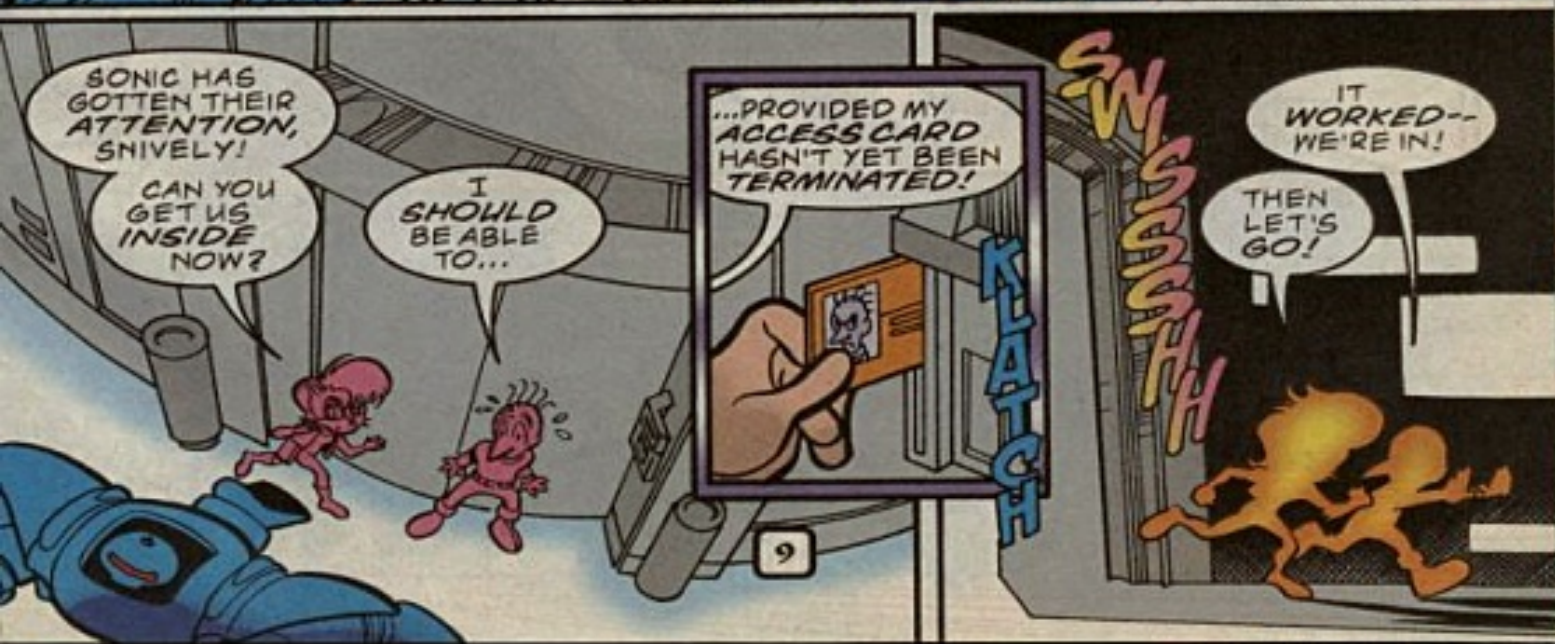
NO PROB!
YOU AND SNIVELY
TAKE CARE OF
BUSINESS
INSIDE...



...WHILE
I HANDLE
THE
BOTS!



ALARM! ALARM! ALARM!
SYSTEMS-DISRUPTING!



SONIC HAS
GOTTEN THEIR
ATTENTION,
SNIVELY!

CAN YOU
GET US
INSIDE
NOW?

I
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO...

...PROVIDED MY
ACCESS CARD
HASN'T YET BEEN
TERMINATED!

SWISHHH
KLATCH

IT
WORKED--
WE'RE IN!

THEN
LET'S
GO!

ELSEWHERE IN
THE FRIGHTFUL
FORTRESS...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

NO SOONER
IS THAT RACING
RODENT BACK ON
TERRA FIRMA
THAN HE'S
ATTEMPTING TO
ONCE AGAIN
DERAIL MY
SCHEMES!"

*Sonic and Robotnik
faced off last ish. -- JFG

CRUSH
HIM, MY SHADOW-
BOTS!

"CRUSH
HIM!!!"

AND THAT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... IS HOW YOU TAKE APART FIFTY SHADOW-BOTS IN LESS THAN TEN SECONDS!

I CAUTION YOU NOT TO TRY THIS STUNT AT HOME.



Oh, MAN-- LOOKS LIKE I GOT TOO OVER-CONFIDENT! RO "BUTT" NIK'S SENT REINFORCEMENTS...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY COME EQUIPPED WITH OPTI-BURSTS!



EVERYBODY-- YOU'VE GOTTA, LIKE, JUICE TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE RIGHT NOW!

JUICE-- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



THAT MEANS--

RUN!



MEANWHILE...

ALL RIGHT, NICOLE-- THIS IS ROBOTNIK'S MASTER COMPUTER. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

Yes, Princess Sa--

SURRENDER--

--AND-PREPARE-FOR-COMPLETE-ROBOTIZATION!

Oh NO!

LET GO OF ME, YOU TIN-PLATED GOON!

FWUMP

AS-YOU-COMMAND!
AS-YOU-COMMAND!
AS-YOU-COMMA--
->FZZTT<-

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED, MY DEAR! AFTER ALL, MY OVER-WEIGHT UNCLE ISN'T THE ONLY TECHNICAL GENIUS IN THE FAMILY!

IT'S NOT THAT, SNIVELY-- IT'S JUST THAT I'M NOT QUITE USED TO WORKING WITH SOMEONE WHO'S TRIED TO DO ME IN ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION!

OH, BRING THAT UP, WHY DON'T YOU?

OUTSIDE OF
ROBOTNIK'S HQ...

TRYING TO TIRE
THEM OUT WOULD WIN
ME THE NUMBSKULL-
OF-THE-YEAR-AWARD,
SO INSTEAD, I'LL PLAY A
GAME...

WOW! THESE CYBER-
CREEPS ARE PRETTY ROUGH
CUSTOMERS--WAY MORE
DEADLY THAN LAST
YEAR'S MODELS!

...OF "RING
AROUND THE
ROBOTS!"

YOUR GAMBIT HAS A
FATAL FLAW--OUR
METAL HIDES ARE
IMPERVIOUS TO FLAME.

NO DUH, DATA-
FACE--BUT MY UNCLE
WAS A TOP-NOTCH
INVENTOR AND HE
TAUGHT ME THAT METAL
CONDUCTS* HEAT...

*TRANSMITS-- Encyclopedia Gabrie

...WHICH MEANS
THAT YOUR SUPER-
HEATED SOLES SHOULD
MELT THE TAR AND KEEP
YOU STUCK...

...FOR
HOURS!



I WON'T LIE TO YOU.
BY NOW, YOUR LOVED ONE
HAS PROBABLY BEEN TURNED
INTO A MINDLESS MACHINE...

LACKING ALL FREE
WILL WHATSOEVER. IF
YOU WERE TO GO IN
THERE, THE SAME THING
WOULD HAPPEN TO
YOU.

YOU JUST DON'T
UNDERSTAND HOW
DIFFICULT IT IS...

YEAH, I DO--I WASN'T
ABLE TO DO ANYTHING
WHEN ROBOTNIK TOOK
AWAY MY UNCLE CHUCK
AND MY DOG, MUTTSKI...

IT WAS THE
WORST THING I
COULD EVER IMAGINE
HAPPENING.

*Lost ish... JF6

OH, SONIC--THAT'S
SO--TERRIBLE!
I'M SORRY.

MISSION ACCOMPLI--
SONIC? WHO IS SHE?


SHE'S A
SURVIVOR,
SAL...

THERE, THERE...
DON'T CRY. EVERY-
THING WILL BE
OKAY. WHAT'S YOUR
NAME?

~choke~
MINA...

I MUST BE GOING--AND
I SUGGEST YOU GET BACK TO
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IF YOU
KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
SO LONG!

SHEESH! I CAN'T
BELIEVE WE JUST TEAMED
UP WITH ONE OF OUR WORST
ENEMIES--WHAT NEXT?



THE SONIC & SNIVELY
COMEDY HOUR?

JOKE ALL YOU
WANT, HEDGEHOG, BUT
YOU WON'T BE SAFE
IN YOUR WOODED
HIDEAWAY...

...NOT WHEN I CAN
BIO-MECHANICALLY INTER-
FACE WITH THE SOFTWARE
IN MY MASTER
COMPUTER...

...AND DOWNLOAD
THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE INTO MY MEMORY
BANKS! I'LL ROOT YOU OUT
AND...AND...

...OOH...
SUDDENLY...FEEL...
WEAK... AND...
WOODY! NOT WELL...
AT ALL!

HELP ME...
LAY DOWN...
AT ONCE, YOU
VOLTS!

TRANSFER
ABORTED--
VIRUS!!

THE?
END!

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IN A LONELY CORNER OF WHAT, UNTIL RECENTLY, WAS A RESTORED MOBOTROPOLIS...

EVERYBODY QUIET!
HEAR THAT SOUND OF METAL CLANGING ON THE PAVEMENT?

A VERY PROMINENT SOUND IN MY NIGHTMARES, MONSIEUR TULES!

YOU HEARD SONIC'S DAD, ANTOINE!

KEEP IT LOW!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

OBSERVATION:
NO-SIGN-OF-LIFE-
AS-OF-YET.

PART
FOUR

WE-SHALL-CONTINUE-
UNTIL-OUR-MISSION-
DIRECTIVE-IS-COMPLIED-
WITH--

--THE-
APPREHENSION-
AND-ROBOTIZATION-
OF-EVERY-LIVING-
CREATURE-ON-THE-
FACE-OF-MOBIUS!

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ANOTHER POINT-OF-VIEW

SECTOR-EIGHTY-TWO-SHOWS-ALL-CLEAR.
WE-SHALL-PROCEED-TO-SECTOR-EIGHTY-THREE.

WE WERE LUCKY THAT TIME!

UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION WE WERE PLANNING TO!

WE'LL HAVE TO GO ANOTHER WAY!

WAIT! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE JEREMIAH!

NOT ONLY THAT--

--BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW THOSE BOOKS TO BE DESTROYED!

HE'S RIGHT, DEAR.

WITH-OUT OUR HISTORY, OUR KNOWLEDGE--

--OUR CULTURE AND WAY OF LIFE COULD BE LOST!

--WE'D BE NO BETTER THAN THE SWATBOTS WE'RE HIDING FROM!

EXCUSE ME FOR BEING PRACTICAL AT THE MOMENT.

WE CAN'T SAVE A THING IF WE'RE CAPTURED, NOW CAN WE?

IT'S ALMOST
TOO QUIET! THIS
JEREMIAH COULD'VE
ALREADY LEFT!

NO! NO!
HE'S GOTTA
BE HERE!

JEREMIAH!

TAILS!
NO NEED
TO SHOUT, MY
FRIEND!

I WAS JUST
FILING SOME BOOKS
AWAY AROUND THE
CORNER!

WE CAME TO
GET YOU OUT OF HERE,
JEREMIAH!

THEY'RE CHECKING
EVERYWHERE! YOU'LL
GET CAUGHT AND
ROBOTICIZED!

I CAN'T
LEAVE, TAILS!

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN?

WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE
VOLUMES OF MY GRAND-
FATHER KIRBY'S
WORK?

YOUR GRAND-
FATHER WAS KIRBY,
SON?

I READ HIS STORIES
OF OUR PEOPLE WHEN I
WAS A YOUNG BOY!

THEY WERE AN
INSPIRATION TO
ALL OF US!

LOOK
AT THIS,
HON--

--A CHRON-
ICLE OF THOSE
DARK DAYS OF
THE GREAT
WAR!

WHY
DON'T YOU
READ A
PASSAGE,
DEAR?

"THOUGH FOR THE MOMENT THE TROOPS WERE SECURE IN THEIR TEMPORARY SANCTUARY, THEY COULD HEAR THE EXPLOSIONS CASCADE AROUND THEM--

--AND THE AIR GREW THICK WITH GREAT UNEASE...

"FORTUNATELY, WHILE SOME WERE HOLDING OFF THE ENEMY, OTHERS DISCOVERED A MEANS TO STRIKE BACK...

BERNIE!
COCOA! WHAT'S
THE WORD?

EVERYTHING'S
ALL SET!

TELL
EVERYONE TO
FOLLOW US!

SAY! ISN'T THAT
THE GIRL I USED TO
DEBATE AGAINST IN
SCHOOL?

AND LOST
TO ALL THE TIME,
TULE!

NOW IS NOT
THE TIME TO THINK OF
FRIVOLITY--

--WHEN WE
STILL HAVE A WAR
TO WIN!

"THEY PROCEEDED
TO DESCEND
FURTHER INTO THE
DARK, DARK SEWERS
THAT HONEYCOMBED
UNDER THE STREETS
OF THEIR FAIR
CITY--

--LED BY THE WOMEN, WHO WITH THEIR
SUPERIOR EYESIGHT, PROVED TO BE
THE ABLEST OF GUIDES...

WE'RE JUST ABOUT
AT THE SPOT YOU GUYS
WANT!

"WHILE THE BATTLE HAD BEEN
FOUGHT, A SET OF ORIGINAL
DIAGRAMS OF THE SEWER
SYSTEM HAD BEEN DISCOVERED
AND IT WAS LEARNED THE SYSTEM
EXTENDED FARTHER OUT THAN
ANYONE THOUGHT--

...RIGHT
BEHIND
ENEMY
LINES!

OHO! SNEAK
ATTACK, EH?

WELL,
YOU SHAN'T
PREVAIL,
YOU FURRY
FREAKS!

SAYS YOU,
BUSTER!

AAARRGH!!

I DO SAY!
THERE'S ONE
DOWN!!

AMADEUS!!

"THOUGH AMADEUS DID
NOT DIE, WITH THE FIRING
OF THAT SHOT, THE CITI-
ZENS OF MOBOTROPOLIS
AT LAST UNDERSTOOD
THEY WERE IN A WAR NOT
OVER TERRITORY OR RAW
MATERIALS, BUT
OVER THEIR VERY
EXISTENCE!"

"SENSING IMMINENT
DEFEAT, THE OVER-
LANDER LEADER
KINTOBOR SUR-
PRISED EVERYONE
BY JUMPING INTO
THE SAME UNDER-
GROUND SHAFT
THAT WAS USED BY
THE KING'S
SOLDIERS..."

HEY
YOU!

STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

WITLESS
FEMALE!

THAT'LL
BE THE DAY
I LISTEN
TO SUCH AS
YOU!

WITHIN MOMENTS, THE OVER-
LANDER VANISHED FROM THE
SCENE, LEAVING ALL TO
WONDER IF HE ENDED UP
LOST, WANDERING THE
ENDLESS MAZE OF CONDUITS--

--OR BARRING
THAT WHAT ARE
THE CHANCES
THAT THIS ONE
ESCAPED,
WAITING FOR
THE RIGHT
MOMENT TO
STRIKE?

YOU KNOW
YOUR PEOPLE
BEST,
JULIAN!

WHAT
WOULD YOU
RECOMMEND?

THAT--THAT
PICTURE... IT'S
MY BROTHER,
COLIN!

THEY WILL
FIGHT UNTIL EITHER
THEY HAVE WON--
OR ELSE NO ONE IS
LEFT ALIVE!

"HAVING CAREFULLY, PAINSTAKINGLY WON
OVER THE KING'S CONFIDENCE, JULIAN
WAS SOON PRESENTED TO THE CITIZENRY
AS THE NEXT WARLORD--

"LITTLE DID ANY-
ONE REALIZE AT THE
TIME WE MADE A DEAL
WITH THE WORST DEVIL
IMAGINABLE..."

YOU'RE
RIGHT, TAILS!
IT IS IMPORTANT
TO PRESERVE
THE LESSONS
LEARNED!

LET'S TAKE
WHAT WE CAN
RIGHT NOW,
AND PLAN HOW
TO RETRIEVE
THE REST
LATER!

NEXT:
DISASTER!

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

Hey, Sonic fans! We want to know what you thought of our new team's (Karl Bollers, FRY, and Andrew Pepoy) debut issue! We also want to know your thoughts on such things as the new Robotnik and his return to Robotropolis, the Mobians return to Knothole Village, etc.!

On to other news, news that can finally be told. Do you remember all those mysterious "Coming Soon" half-page ads (including the one earlier in this issue)? You know, the one with Sonic's eyes and smile highlighted in the shadows. That is for an upcoming story-line printing in November that is so huge that it's taking four issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, two issues of KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA and one 40-page SONIC SUPER SPECIAL to tell it all. That, my friends, is the official game adaptation to 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' It is a new action/adventure game setting loose our world famous blue blur in an all-new full 3-D thrill ride! Blazing at speeds of up to 60 frames per second, this game is gonna' grab your senses and run hog-wild with 'em!!!

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More on "SONIC ADVENTURE" next month, so until then...

Catch you on the flip side!

J.F. GABRIE
EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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We received many letters for SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #71. Here's just a sampling:

Dear Sonic Grams,

I am a super fan of Sonic comic books, and was amazed at the backwards issue #71! I was wondering something though. Why did you do it backwards? Is it a special occasion or something? Anyway, please explain this. You guys are doing great!

Milton Mag

Except for the fact that the story lent itself to it, there was no special reason why this story was done backwards, Milton. We did it for the simple reason that we could. That's what made it fun!

Dear Sonic,

Sonic #71 was da'Bomb! Looks like Sonic has some new features. Anyway, I like Sonic with green eyes. I loved Spaz's artwork. The Tales and Amy Rose story was very interesting. If I'm correct, Jeremiah is a Harlequin Great Dane. Can't wait for "Sonic Underground" to air.

Beth Klein
Kingsport, TN.

Dear Sonic,

What a blast! I just received Sonic #71 today. It was so cool! Also, I want to know what happened to cause the Great War! Can't wait 'til the next issue. You are so interesting. Thanks!

John Michael (age 9)
Fairmount, GA.

Keep reading "Tales of The Great War" for more on that.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just read #71 and it was awesome!! The backwards thing was a little confusing at first, though. I hope we get to see Solar Sonic again soon. Sonic's new look is awesome, too.

Joel Cash (age 13)

Dear S-Grams,

I've just finished Sonic #71. Man, you weren't kidding about it being the strangest issue. The cover was spectacular. Great work, Spaz! You make great covers. I can't wait to see what the Great War is all about.

Chris Wright
Gracemont, OK.

Dear J.E.

I've got a few questions: 1) In Sonic #71 why does Sonic have buckles on his shoes? 2) Also in that same issue of Sonic, why does Sonic also have green eyes? and 3) Could it be that it's not really Sonic, could it actually be Sonic from the evil zone?

Sonic99800@aol.com

Now to answer your questions: That really IS Sonic. The change of appearance is due to the blast he sustained while holding onto the Super Emerald.

Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72:

Dear Sonic,

Oh, I just fear the worst for you guys because Robo's back in town. I think he has a welcome home party for you, but it ain't gonna be your average punch and cake! Speaking of cake, I believe he plans to put his "ICING" on all of

Knothole! I can't stand the suspense! I can't wait 30 days for each comic! Keep them coming!

Kelly Anne Murray (age 16)
Gig Harbor, WA

Dear Archie Comics,

I know how Robotnik comes back: He doesn't. It's really Robo-Robotnik, right? Joshua "Sega Nut" Eagal
Trenton, MI

Yep.

Dear Sonic and Tails,

Major kudos on "I, Robotnik!!" It was probably the most interesting story to date since issue #71. 1) How did Snively survive the explosion in issue #70? By the way, when are you going to show Sonic and Mighty's past relationship? Geoffrey Coleman
Manhattan Beach, CA

Thanks for the kudos. 1) Snively was beamed up to the satellite by Robo-Robotnik right at the time of the explosion. Sonic and Mighty's past relationship saw print in the back-up stories in KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #26-#28.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spazlante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In three weeks: In the story called "King Of The Hill," Knuckles faces his childhood bully, Monk. It brings about a battle for a lifetime of grievances. However, the combatants are not alone as Hunter enters the scene. Action and intrigue as brought to you by Ken Penders and Harvo. Also, Part One of the Espio The Chameleon solo story by Ken Penders, with art by Colleen Doran and Andrew Pepoy.



Next Month: After a most successful mission in the heart of Robotropolis, Sonic and Sally make the trek back to Knothole Village. But what kind of surprises await them upon their return? "Rebel Without A Pause" is brought to you by Karl Bollers, FRY and Andrew Pepoy. Also in this issue, "Tales Of The Great War, Part Four" by Ken Penders, with art by Chris Allan and Jim Amash.

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #30 on sale mid-Sept. 1999! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #77 on sale late Sept. 1999!

FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Due to the overwhelming amount of mail that is received, it is impossible to print it all so we created the "Find Your Name In Print" page so that you know we received your letter or fan art. This month they are:

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BY: PAUL CASTIGLIA & KEN PENDERS

DEEP IN EXOTIC LANDS, FAMED ZOOLOGIST **RALPH HARDY** WAS HAVING A BLAST ON A LIVELY ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG...

I DON'T KNOW WHY HOLLYWOOD KEEPS MAKING ALL THOSE **KILLER DINOSAUR** MOVIES--

THESE GUYS DON'T SCARE ME A BIT!

YEAH-- IT'S AMAZING HOW THEY MELLOW WITH AGE!

THE DIG GOT EVEN **LIVELIER** LITERALLY-- WHEN A GIANT **ROAR** AND THE SOUND OF **THUNDEROUS FOOTSTEPS** FILLED THE AIR!

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT **MELLOW**?

ALL I KNOW IS IT **RHYMES** WITH "**YELLOW**"-- SO LET'S **HIGH-TAIL** IT OUT OF HERE, **QUICK!** TO THE TEMPLE!

ONCE INSIDE THE TEMPLE, THE NATURALLY CURIOUS **RALPH** WANDERS AWAY FROM THE OTHERS, INTO A **NARROW CORRIDOR...**

THESE **HIEROGLYPHS**-- THEY SHOW THE MONSTER TERRORIZING THE **INCAS!** SOMEHOW IT'S **SURVIVED** ALL THESE YEARS!

RALPH HEARS A "**CLINK**" BENEATH HIS FEET, AND DISCOVERS A STRANGE **BELT** WITH AN ANCIENT INSCRIPTION ON ITS **BUCKLE...**

THE INSCRIPTION READS: "HE WHO LOVES THE **ANIMAL KINGDOM** MAY WEAR THIS BELT AND BE TRANSFORMED INTO A **HUMAN JAGUAR!**"

HAH! I LOVE ANCIENT **SUPERSTITIONS!** OH WELL, IT WILL GO WELL WITH MY OUTFIT!

BUT **RALPH HARDY** LEARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **SUPERSTITION** AND **DESTINY** THAT DAY, AS HE WAS ACTUALLY **TRANSFORMED** INTO A SUPERHUMAN BEING! HE RESCUED HIS FRIENDS FROM THE **OMINOUS SERPENT**, AND WENT ON TO **FIGHT** THE EVILS OF THE WORLD-- WITH THE **SAVAGE SPIRIT** OF A **JAGUAR!**

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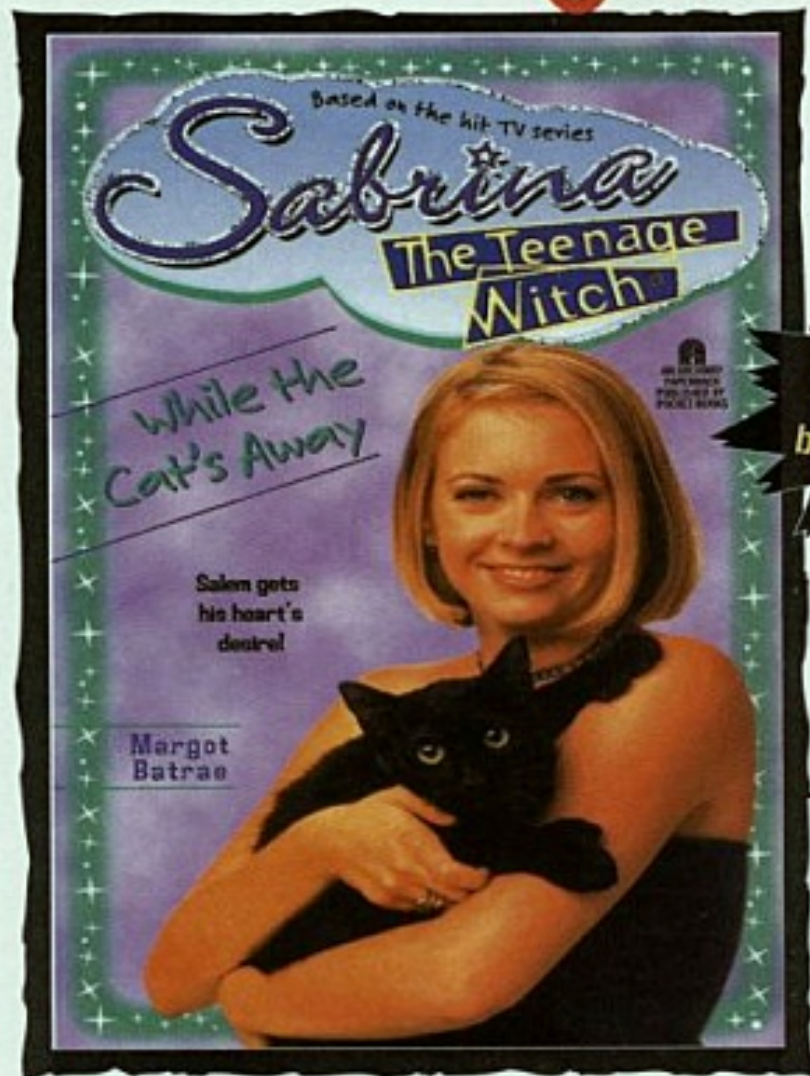
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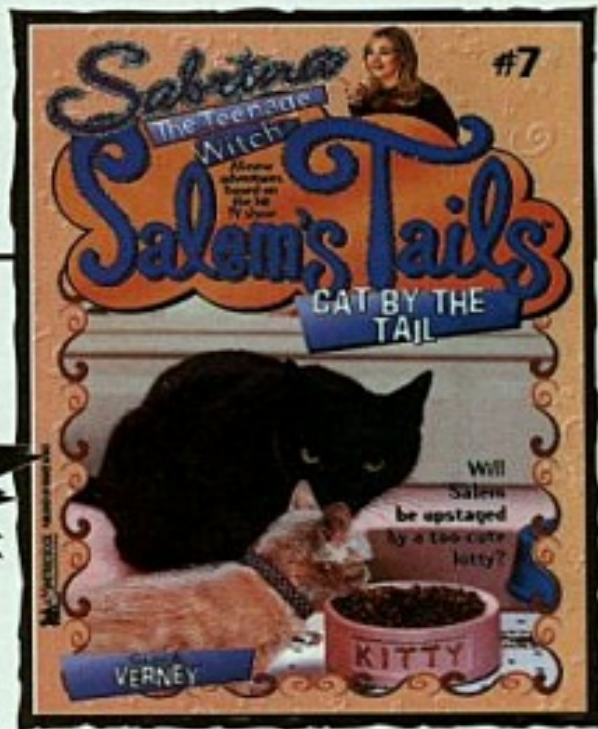
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